both, either in full or in part, or with drawing a pension in full or in part, whether permanently or for a specified period, and of ordering recovery from a pension or gratuity of the whole or part of any pecuniary loss caused to the Government, if, in any departmental proceedings, the pensioner is found guilty of grave misconduct or negligence during the period of service. The Union Public Service Commission shall be consulted before any final orders are passed under rule 9.

Select Panels for Direct Recruitment

4828. SHRI J.S. RAJU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) What are the details of instructions that govern preparation and operation of select panels for recruitment of different categories of employees in Central Governments through direct recruitment method; and

(b) whether these are binding on instrumentalities of Government of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) A copy of the Department of Personnel & A.R.O.M.No. 22011/2/79-Estt(D) dated 8.12.1982 containing instructions on the subject is enclosed as statement (See below). The instructions contained in the O.M. dated 8.2.82 referred to above are applicable to the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India and their Attached and Subordinate Offices only.

Statement

No. 22011/2/79-Estt (D)
Governemt of India/Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih Mantralaya
Department of Porsonnel & Admn. Reforms
(Karmik Aur Prashasnik Sudhar Vibhag)
New Delhi, the 8th Feb, 1982

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject:— Validity period of list of selected candida es propared on the basis of direct recruitment/ Departmental Competitive Examinetion.

The udnersigned is directed to say that references are being received from time to time from Ministries/Departments enquiring as to what should be the validity period of a list of selected candidates prapared on the basis of direct racruitment of Departmental Competitive Examination.

2. Normally, in the case of direct recruitment a list of selected candidates is prepared to the extent of the number of vacancies (other persons found suitable being put on a reserve list, in case some to the persons on the list of selected candidates do not become available for appointment). Similarly, in the case of departmental Compatitive examinations, the list of selected candidates has to be based on the number of vacancies on the date of declaration of results, as the examination is competitive and selection is based on merit. A problem may arise when there is a fluctuation in the vacancies after the list of selected candidates is announced.

3. The matter has been carefully considered. Normally, recruitment whether from the open market or through a Dapartmental Compatitive Examination should take place only when there are no candidates available from an earlier list of selected candidates. However, there is a likelihood of vacancies arising in future; in case, names of selected candidates are already available, there should either be no further recruitment till the available selected candidates are absorbed or the declared vacancies for the next examination should take into account the number of persons already on the list of selected candidates awaiting appointment. Thus, there would be no limit on the period of validity of the list of selected

candidates prepared to the extent of declared vacancies, either by the method of direct racruitment or through a Departmental Competitive Examination.

4. Once a person is declared successful according to the marit list of selected candidates, which is based on the declared number of vacancies, the apponting authority has the responsibility to appoint him even if the number of vacancies undergoes a change, after his name has been included in the list of selected candidates. Thus, where selected candidates are awaiting appointment, recruitment should either be postponod till all the selected candidates are accommodated or alternatively intake for the next recruitment reduced by the number of candidates already awaiting appointment and the candidates awaiting appointment should be given appointments first, before starting appointments from a fresh list from a subsequent recruitment of examination.

5. Ministry of Finance etc. are requested to bring the above instructions to the notice of all the appointing authorities under them for information and guidance.

Sd/-
J.K. Sarma
Director

Area Covered Under DPAP

4829. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1462 given in the Rajya Sabha on 15th December, 1994 and state:

(a) the total area of land which has been covered in the country under the Drought Prone Area Programme during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the broad details of schemes launched for these areas;

(c) the target fixed therefor under the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the achievements made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) In the country 627 blocks of 96 districts in 13 States were covered under the Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) during last three years. The State-wise details of land areas covered are in the enclosed Statement (*See* below) There has been no change in the area during last three years.

(b) Area development under DPAP in these areas has been carried out through three core sector activities namely, land shaping and development and soil moisture conservation, water resources development and afforestation & pasture development, all taken up in an integrated manner.

(c) Annual allocation of funds for the programme are decided by the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Finance. Based on the annual allocation, physical targets are fixed by the State Governments on year to year basis keeping in view the cost of wages and materials in different States. The physical targets for the Eighth Five Year Plan as a whole, have therefore, not been fixed.

(d) The State-wise financial performance and physical achievements during first three years of the Eighth Five Year Plan are given respectively in Annexure (*See* Appendix 173, Annexiure No. 98).

Statement

Area Covered under DPAP

State	(Area in 000 Hectare) Lane Area Covered under DPAP
1. Andhra Pradesh	7715
2. Bihar	2225
3. Gujarat	5299